

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A theft deterrent device, comprising;
a housing and a clasp;
a clasp being removably and lockingly received in the housing;
the housing including a wedge moveable between unlocked and locked positions; the wedge engaging the clasp in the locked position to force a portion of the clasp against the housing when the clasp is locked to the housing.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the clasp is U-shaped and locks to the housing in two spaced locations.
3. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the clasp includes a pair of locking legs connected together by a bridge.
4. (Original) The device of claim 3, wherein each of the locking legs includes an outer surface, an inner surface, and a pair of opposed edges.
5. (Original) The device of claim 4, wherein each of the locking legs defines locking teeth along the outer surface and at least one of the edges.
6. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein each of the locking legs defines locking teeth along both of the edges.
7. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein the inner surface of each locking leg is wedge-shaped; the wedge of the housing being adapted to engage the inner surface of the locking leg when the clasp is locked to the housing.
8. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the housing includes a base, a lock member, and a lock adapted to lock the lock member in a locked position with respect to the base.

9. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein the lock includes at least one finger and at least one lock ledge; the lock finger lockingly engaging the lock ledge.

10. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein the housing includes a pair of opposed sidewalls that define key pin openings; at least one of the key pin openings providing access to one of the lock fingers.

11. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein the lock member is connected to the base with a hinge.

12. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein the wedge is connected to the lock member.

13. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein a portion of the clasp is disposed between the wedge and the housing when the clasp is locked and when the wedge is in the locked position.

14. (Original) A theft deterrent device comprising:

- a housing having a base, a lock member, and a lock that locks the lock member in a locked position with respect to the base;

- the base of the housing defining lock teeth;

- the lock member including a wedge;

- the lock member pivoting with respect to the base between the locked position and an unlocked position;

- a clasp having opposed legs, each of the legs having a wedge-shaped inner surface;

- each of the legs defining lock teeth;

- the legs of the clasp insertable into the housing when the lock member is in the unlocked position; and

- the wedge of the lock member engaging at least one of the inner surfaces of the clasp legs when the lock member is moved to the locked position to force the lock teeth of the clasp into locked engagement with the lock teeth of the base.

15. (Original) The device of claim 14, wherein each leg of the clasp has an outer surface; the lock teeth extending from the outer surface.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15, where each leg has upper and lower edges; each defining lock teeth along the upper and lower edges of the leg such that the clasp may be inserted into the base in two orientations.

17. (Original) The device of claim 14, wherein the position of the clasp is adjustable with respect to the base.

18. (New) The device of claim 14, wherein the clasp is removable from the housing when the lock member is in the unlocked position.

19. (New) A theft deterrent device comprising:

- a housing having a base, a lock member, and a lock that locks the lock member in a locked position with respect to the base; the lock being unlockable with a key to release the lock member from the locked position so that the lock member may be moved to an unlocked position with respect to the base;

- the base of the housing defining lock teeth;

- the lock member including a wedge;

- the lock member being movable with respect to the base between the locked position and an unlocked position;

- a clasp having opposed legs, each of the legs having a wedge-shaped surface;

- each of the legs defining at least one lock tooth;

- the legs of the clasp being insertable into the housing when the lock member is in the unlocked position; and

- the wedge of the lock member engaging at least one of the wedge-shaped surfaces of the clasp legs when the lock member is moved to the locked position to force the at least one lock tooth of the clasp into locked engagement with the lock teeth of the base of the housing to lock the clasp in position with respect to the housing.